

I OPPOSE the proposal to continue the CW requirement for the General class.

If the FCC follows this proposal, I request that the Technician class be granted privileges for operating on the HF frequencies typically used in emergency communications.

I am a VA hospital employee who recently earned a tech license so as to be able to assist with emergency communications in the event of a disaster.

While I understand that many longtime hams believe additional knowledge should be required for access to HF bands, the CW requirement creates a barrier for persons like myself (hearing-impaired) who would like to help with HF emergency communication nets.

If the FCC is not willing to eliminate an Element 1 requirement, I would propose that amateur operators be allowed to choose between demonstrating (1) 5 wpm CW ability or (2) knowledge of emergency communication procedures.